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*Director***Inspection Checklist****Family Day Care Fire Safety Checklist**

Family Day Care – maximum of 8 children, no more than 4 under the age of two.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/firemarshal 240-777-2457www.firemarshal@gaitHERsburgcity.gov 301-258-6330www.rockvillefiremarshal@rockvillecity.gov 240-314-5041**Building:** _____**Address:** _____**Inspector:** _____**Date:** _____ **Date of Last Inspection:** _____**Outstanding Violations:**☐ Yes ☐ No

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- ☐ House numbers should be a minimum of 5" in height and visible to the street.
 - ☐ Lights should be provided by exit doors.
 - ☐ Each bathroom and bedroom doorknob should be unlockable from outside the room.
 - ☐ The house should be free from obvious electrical hazards.
 - ☐ Extension cords should not be used on a permanent basis.
 - ☐ Heating equipment should be in good working condition.
 - ☐ The house should have an escape plan that shows two exits from each sleeping, living, or dining room.
 - ☐ The primary means of escape must lead directly outside.
 - ☐ Exit doors and windows should open without a key or tool (See also "Escape windows").
 - ☐ Exit doors in unsprinklered basements must be within 8 feet of ground level.
 - ☐ Sliding doors:
 - No more than one lock. Door cannot require a key or special knowledge to open.
 - No draperies, screens or storm doors that can impede exit.
 - The outside surface cannot be more than one 8 inch step lower than the inside.
 - The sliding door shall open to a clear width of at least 28 inches.
 - Before day care use, the door shall be tested to ensure it is operating properly.
 - The door tracks shall be cleared of snow and freezing rain and opened to ensure proper operation.
 - ☐ All napping areas should be equipped with hard wired, battery back up smoke alarms.
 - ☐ If an alarm was added was an electrical permit obtained.
 - ☐ Smoke alarms should be maximum 10 years old or within manufacturer's requirements.
 - ☐ Fire drills should be practiced and documented every 30 days for fire marshal review.

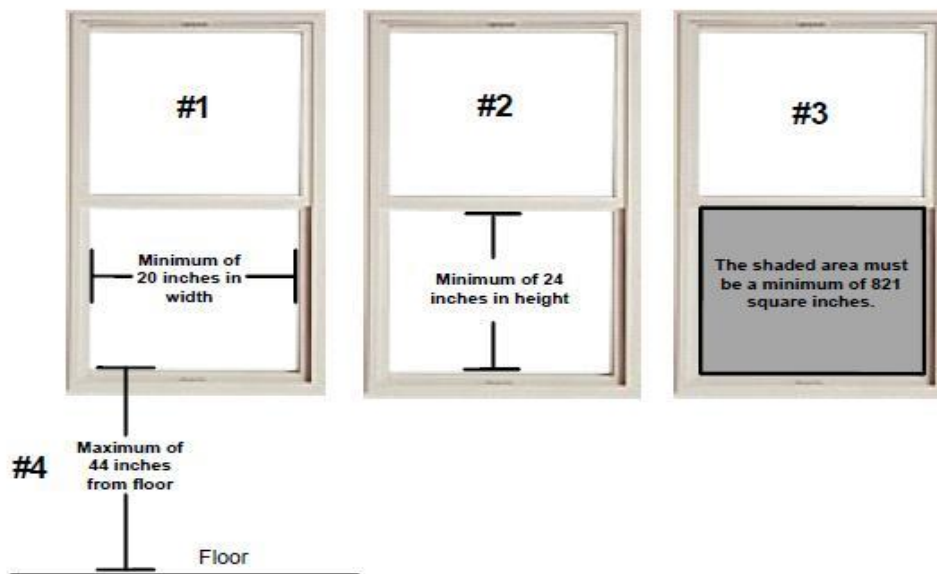
Apartment Buildings

- ☐ Apartment building management must approve day cares
- ☐ The common hallway must have a smoke detector that is part of the building fire alarm.

☐ Escape windows:

Measure the window when it is open. The window must meet all of the following:

- Must be a minimum of 20 inches in width.
- Must be a minimum of 24 inches in height.
- The width multiplied by the height must be a minimum of 821 square inches.
- Existing exception: A minimum net clear opening of 720 square inches shall be permitted for secondary means of escape at grade.
- If the bottom of the window is more than 44 inches, one step may be permanently attached to the wall. The step can be no more than 7 inches tall



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